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1. On 24 June, the western section of the Artillerie Kaserne east of Lenin Strasse, Chemnitz (N 51/K 66), was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Sixteen soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, armed with two heavy machine guns, rifles and hand grenades left the installation toward the Zeisigwald forest.

2. On 24 June, the eastern section of the Artillerie Kaserne east of Lenin Strasse was occupied by about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. A regimental band practiced in the barracks yard. Sixty soldiers carrying bathing suits marched to the town.

3. A camp consisting of low wooden buildings and tents has been observed in the south-east section of the Zeisig forest at the firing ranges since mid-May. In early June, the camp was occupied by 500 to 600 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 24 June, six tents, 5 x 15 meters, equipped with double-decker cots were seen in the camp . Several soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were in the camp. (2)

4. On 24 June, the Nachrichten Kaserne on Adalbert Stifter Weg, Ebersdorf, was occupied by between 150 and 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. About 100 soldiers had fallen in in the barracks yard. Ambulances were repeatedly seen in front of one barracks building. a hospital was located there.

5. On 24 June, the Artillerie Kaserne in Ebersdorf was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 150 soldiers marched singing across the barracks yard. Uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation.

(3)

6. On 12 June, the western section of the Artillerie Kaserne on Lenin Strasse was occupied by a general as commanding officer, about 80 officers from majors down to and including junior lieutenants and 600 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. about 10 officers were quartered in the barracks

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installation, while about 70 officers and the general were quartered at Lenin Strasse 72-86 and 76 respectively. About 40 trucks [redacted] were seen in the billeting area of this unit. The unit had rifles and machine guns, about 12 light machine guns and signal equipment. [redacted] about 6 officers and 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were committed regularly on guard duty in the area of Siegmar (N 51/K 55, and were relieved daily. The trucks mentioned were seen when the troops were relieved. About 50 soldiers armed with rifles and machine guns were seen twice or thrice per week receiving field training and close combat training at an obstacle course. [redacted]

[redacted]

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7. During the period from 6 to 12 June, the eastern section of the Artillerie Kaserne on Lenin Strasse was occupied by about 100 officers including a lieutenant colonel and other ranks from major down to and including junior lieutenant and by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Six 76-mm AA guns, 12 x 37-mm AA guns and 2 x 25-mm AA guns and about 50 trucks were seen during the period of observation. No training activity was noticed except for groups of 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets who left the installation for bathing. Two trucks towing flatbed trailers, each transported a box, about 2.5 meters cubed on these trailers to the installation. On 6 June, truck [redacted] towing a 85-mm AA gun entered the installation and left again after one hour's time. [redacted]

[redacted]

8. During the period from 6 to 12 June, a camp consisting of one administrative brick building, 8 low wooden barracks buildings, about 25 house tents each covering from 6 to 12 meters and 4 circular tents, 8 meters in diameter and 3 meters high, was seen at the Zeisigwald firing range. The camp was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with black-bordered crimson epaulets. Trucks [redacted] continually hauled supply from the direction of the Artillerie Kaserne on Lenin Strasse. Units of between 100 and 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen daily engaged in combat training inside the camp. Rifle firing with live ammunition was heard.

[redacted]

(2)

9. About 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with black-bordered black epaulets were seen daily engaged in excavation work at the firing range northwest of the barracks installations in Chemnitz-Ebersdorf. Uniformed women wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen in the barracks installations.

[redacted]

10. [redacted] a train of 50 cars [redacted] carrying an AAA unit passed through the Chemnitz railroad station, coming from Glauchau (N 51/K 35) and proceeding toward Altengrabow (N 53/Z 00). A train of 30 cars which carried an AAA unit from Chemnitz to Borna (N 52/K 39) and [redacted] was dispatched on the same day. On 10 June, about 30 factory-new two-axle trucks with four-wheel drive, a load capacity of 2.5 tons

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11. During the period from 8 to 14 June, the eastern section of the Artillerie Kaserne on Lenin Strasse was occupied by not less than 600 to 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Some wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Source expressed the belief that the soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets may have come from the adjoining western section.

12. During the period from 8 to 14 June, the western section of the Artillerie Kaserne on Lenin Strasse was occupied by 500 to 600 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Up to 60 soldiers were seen engaged in drill at squad level and receiving training at the obstacle course on the various days of observation.

25X1 During the period from 8 to 14 June, detergents and disinfectants were purchased from a firm in Chemnitz for Unit in Potsdam and Unit in Fuerstenwalde. (6)

25X1 Comments.

(1) The present information indicates that the western section of the barracks installation, i.e. the Artillerie Kaserne north of Lenin Strasse, was occupied as previously by an MGB unit. The furnishing of guards for the installation on the road to Siegmar-Schoenau as reported in paragraph 6 is known from previous reports. The present information also confirms that the eastern section of the barracks installation, i.e. Infanterie Kaserne north of Lenin Strasse, was occupied by elements of the 6th Gds AAA Div of the IV Arty Corps. Other elements are believed stationed at the Mustrow AA firing range. The train mentioned in paragraph 10 as carrying an AAA unit from Chemnitz to Borna furnishes no indications as to its destination and possibly was one of the trains bound for Mustrow.

(2) The camp in the Zeisigwald (forest) is known from a previous report. It was apparently improved in the meantime. According[illegible], the camp is probably occupied by units of the 6th Gds AAA Div wearing red-bordered black epaulets and, possibly, with additional elements of the MGB wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets.

(3) Further information is needed to determine the occupation of the barracks installations in Hersdorf.

(4) The train which went from Glauchau to Altengrabow probably is the train which was unloaded on 7 June in Altengrabow.

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the Eighth Gds Army is carried in Hamhung, the elements seen possibly belonged to this regiment, which would discredit the information on the AA guns and the rocket launchers. However, in connection with AA guns it appears more probable that the train came from the uranium area to which units of the 6th Gds AA Div are continually committed, rather than from Hamhung.

(5) The new trucks were most probably sent to the 6th Gds AA Div under the motor vehicle exchange program.

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